

## MAY FORCE AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY

President Consults Mem-  
bers Concerning Plan  
For Action.

## THE ROADS MAY YIELD

Wilson Firm in Face of Repeated Re-  
quests By Executives of Railroads  
For Concessions.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Differences  
between the railroads and their em-  
ployees are to be settled soon with-  
out recourse to a strike, according to  
the opinion expressed today by all  
those in close touch with the situation.

Washington, Aug. 24.—President  
Wilson turned to Congress yesterday  
for support in his demand for an  
eight-hour day as a means of averting  
a strike by the railway trainmen.

He was informed by the leaders of  
the two powerful committees created  
to deal with matters relating to in-  
ter-state commerce that Congress has un-  
doubted power to pass an eight-hour  
law.

This is accepted as indicating that  
if the railway executives impose im-  
possible counter-demands before yield-  
ing they will face legislation which  
will make it compulsory.

Opinion prevails that the railway  
executives will ultimately capitulate.  
The plan which they presented at the  
last White House conference, how-  
ever, is said to have exacted guaran-  
tees so numerous and varied as to  
constitute a stumbling block.

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attack on French trenches south of  
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than they were paid last year. In  
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## FIGHTING IN WEST ZONE

British Score Advance Near  
Thiepval, Taking  
Trenches

## FRENCH LOSE GROUND

But Make Appreciable Gain in At-  
tacks Between Fleury and Thiau-  
mont, Verdun Front.

London, Aug. 24.—It was give and  
take on the Somme front yesterday  
each side scoring an advance and each  
suffering a repulse.

The British, after repulsing two  
heavy assaults made by the Germans  
Tuesday night on the positions newly  
won south of Thiepval, resumed the  
offensive today and made a further  
advance, capturing 200 yards of a  
German trench in that section. The  
silencing of German artillery at three  
different points also is reported.

In the attacks Tuesday night on  
British positions the Germans ob-  
tained a footing in advanced trench-  
es, but were driven out.

The German gains were made at  
the expense of the French near Es-  
trees, south of the Somme, and Paris  
reports that at some points the  
French lost trenches that had been  
captured Monday. The attack in the  
Estrees region was launched after a  
period of intense artillery preparation.

North of the Somme the Germans  
violently bombarded the French first  
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they are designed to create public sen-  
timent for arbitration.

The Chamber of Commerce of the  
United States has also issued a state-  
ment favoring arbitration, and this  
was considered a part of the major  
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## Alexandria City News Condensed

Mrs. Fannie E. Murray, of Wash-  
ington, is the guest of relatives in  
this city.

The part of King street road,  
stretching from the Union station, to  
the Russell road, about 180 feet long,  
has been opened for traffic. It is ex-  
pected that completion of the work of  
improving the highway from the  
Union station to Janney's lane, a dis-  
tance of 3,000 feet, will be reached in  
October.

Final arrangements have been made  
to hold a big joint practice of the  
various church choirs of this city  
which will form the huge choir of  
several hundred voices that will take  
part in the Gypsy Smith evangelical  
services, it being decided to hold the  
practice meeting next Tuesday night,  
August 29, in the First Baptist  
Church, and the following Friday,  
which is the first of September, the  
first practice in the tent in which the  
revivals will be held. It is expected  
that the tent will have been erected  
by that time.

Miss Moselle V. Goods and Mr.  
Bertram Dienelt, both of this city,  
were married yesterday afternoon in  
Washington by the Rev. C. M. Com-  
pher, obtaining a marriage license in  
that city. The young couple had a  
wide circle of friends here, but their  
marriage was known to but few until  
it had taken place. Miss Goods is 21  
years of age and Mr. Dienelt 22. The  
bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Robert L. Goods, who live at 1008  
King street, and young Dienelt is the  
son of Mr. J. A. Dienelt, residing  
in Rosemont.

## WOMAN ON RAMPAGE

Suffering From White Heat, Super-  
induced by Stimulants. She  
Causes Excitement.

About six o'clock yesterday evening  
a message was sent to the station  
house requesting that a policeman be  
sent immediately to the extreme  
northern end of Royal street, where a  
young white woman seemed to be  
running amuck. She was greatly ex-  
cited, under effects of strong drink,  
and when Police Officer Munday  
appeared on the scene the infuriated  
woman was wielding a broom, and  
threatening to wreak dire vengeance  
upon her mother, making all sorts of  
threats against her parent. The officer  
disarmed her and conducted her to  
the station house, attracting general  
attention, as the woman was  
frantic. Upon being placed in a cell  
she screamed, moaned and charged  
her mother with being the cause of  
her trouble. It was impossible to quiet  
her, but after several hours she sub-  
sided from exhaustion. She called at  
times for her child, but she was in no  
condition to have charge of a child,  
nor could she be released on collater-  
al while the effects of liquor were in  
evidence.

The woman was brought before the  
Police Court this morning, when her  
mother appeared, sobbed piteously,  
and offered excuses for her daugh-  
ter's conduct. As the offense occurred  
in the public streets, causing no  
little excitement, it was necessary to  
uphold the law in such a case, and the  
offender was fined \$5. The young woman,  
while in the dock, charged her  
mother with contributing to her delin-  
quency in drinking liquor herself.  
The court asked the mother if the  
charge was true. She first denied the  
allegation, but upon being further  
questioned acknowledged that she did  
indulge at times, and that she drank  
yesterday. The old woman was told  
that it was incumbent upon her to set  
the proper example to her offspring  
in future.

During a very severe electrical  
storm yesterday at Basic, Mrs. Carrie  
Harris, aged nineteen, and the nine-  
year-old daughter of John Gardner,  
were instantly killed by lightning  
while they were taking clothes from a  
line. Violent hail, wind and rain  
storm visited the section.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS  
AT JACOB FRILL'S FOOT KING ST

Mr. H. W. Seelman has left for  
Atlantic City to spend two weeks.

Mr. James H. Adams is spending  
several days in Fredericksburg on  
business.

Miss Nannie Whiting is spending  
her vacation at Piney Point, Md.

Miss Bessie Marks is spending the  
remainder of the summer in Berry-  
ville.

Miss Thelma P. Welch and Mr.  
Franklin L. Ford, of this city, were  
married yesterday afternoon in Wash-  
ington by the Rev. L. M. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Y. Williams  
have returned to their home on Brad-  
dock Heights after a two weeks' mo-  
tor trip through the State.

Messrs. Ashby Reardon, Douglass  
Lindsey, and Irvin Tennyson, are  
spending a number of days at Atlan-  
tic City.

Mrs. Harry Leefe and son, Charles,  
have returned to their home in Dan-  
ville after spending a week with Mrs.  
W. B. Dobie, in Wolfe street.

Mrs. James E. Alexander, Miss  
Edna Alexander, and Mrs. Kate Wil-  
son, are attending the Loudoun coun-  
ty camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Warfield, jr.,  
and young son, Courtland, will return  
Saturday from Atlantic City, N. J.,  
where they are enjoying the sea  
breezes.

## VIOLATING SPEED LAW

Operators of Automobiles and Motor  
Trucks Fined in Police  
Court.

The members of the police force  
are exercising vigilance over persons  
who are prone to operate automobiles,  
motor trucks and motorcycles at an  
unlawful speed with in the city lim-  
its. A special session of the Police  
Court was held yesterday afternoon  
to accommodate two men who had  
been cited to appear this morning, but  
who had been unable to be in the city  
today. The first was charged with  
running an automobile through the  
streets at a rate exceeding twelve  
miles an hour. The officer who made  
the arrest was convinced the accused  
was making nearer fifteen miles an  
hour than twelve, although he did  
not time him by a watch. The accus-  
ed denied running his auto at a speed  
exceeding twelve miles an hour, and  
alleged that the watched his speed-  
ometer all the time when out in his  
machine. In fact he had no desire to  
move along any faster than that al-  
lowed by law. He was dismissed.

Another man, who had been cited  
to answer a similar charge, acknowl-  
edged that he had operated his ma-  
chine at the rate of twenty miles  
an hour. He said, in extenuation, that  
he was transporting a preacher to the  
union depot, and was endeavoring to  
run ahead of a rain storm which  
seemed imminent. He was fined \$10.

A colored man, operator of a motor  
truck, was in the court this morning  
charged with passing over a square  
running north and south in between  
fourteen and fifteen seconds. Accord-  
ing to the law, he should have con-  
sumed twenty-four seconds. He alleg-  
ed that the auto was geared to make  
make but eighteen miles an hour. The  
officer testified that he timed the ac-  
cused by his watch. He was fined \$10.

## Notice.

I have cancelled my engagement  
with the Hopkins Furniture Company  
and after August 24, will be with the  
well known and popular firm of Julius  
Wolf, clothing, boots, shoes, dry goods,  
Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, 423  
King street, and solicit a liberal share  
of the patronage of my friends and  
the general public.

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C. S. H. COBB.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Ram-  
ell Cafe, Royal Street.

Cottage prayer meeting service  
will be held this evening at 1024  
Queen street, conducted by H. E.  
Webb.

Alexandria's delegation of 73 fire-  
men which left here yesterday for the  
Harrisonburg convention, will not  
take part in the races and other ath-  
letic events of the convention but will  
compete in the parade for the prize  
for the company which makes the  
best showing.

The American Indian Guard Band  
will give a concert at the grounds of  
the Lee School on Prince street to-  
night, complimentary to the children's  
playground. The concert could not be  
given at the playground situated on  
south Washington street owing to  
repairs being made to the Howell  
school building.

Dr. Edward A. Gorman, city health  
officer, has just returned from Rich-  
mond where he was in attendance at  
a conference held by the State Com-  
missioner and health officers of the  
state. Infantile paralysis, the dis-  
ease now epidemic in many sections  
of the country, occupied a prominent  
part in the program before the con-  
ference and every phase of it was  
thoroughly discussed. In fact, the  
conference was called practically for  
the purpose of discussing the topic  
referred to, in order that health offi-  
cers throughout the state may be in-  
formed and thus prepared to take  
such precautions as circumstances  
may require in preventing the spread  
of the disease.

## DROP IN TEMPERATURE

Rain and Cool Breezes Chase Away  
Torrid Wave of the Past  
Week.

The sultry conditions which have  
prevailed in this city and vicinity dur-  
ing the past four or five days were  
eliminated late yesterday by light  
rains and fresh breezes. By dark a  
delightful temperature prevailed, and  
sleep, which had been denied to many  
on previous nights, was indulged in.

Early in the afternoon the heavens  
became overcast and mutterings of  
thunder were heard. Slight sprink-  
les of rain followed, while a fierce  
storm of rain, thunder and lightning  
seemed to be hovering near Alexan-  
dria. There was but one heavy clap  
of thunder over this city, however.  
The mercury in the thermometer be-  
gan to fall, and before the close of  
the day the long-sighed-for relief was  
in evidence. The weather today has  
been clear and cool.

The people who arrived in this  
city from the country southwest of  
Alexandria report that hail fell in  
places in that locality.

The break in the record heat wave  
of the summer came at a time when  
humanity was beginning to suffer  
most; and had the high temperatures  
continued for a day or two more there  
would undoubtedly have been pros-  
trations reported.

## GEMS IN OLD SHOE.

So Woman Tells Police, Who Arrest  
Footgear Maker.

New York, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Fannie  
Schusterman ran into a police station  
in the Bronx and told this story:

Several months ago she put her  
jewelry—five diamond rings and a  
gold bracelet set with eighteen dia-  
monds—in the hell of a old shoe. She  
thought it would be safe there, ad-  
placed the shoe in a closet.

Yesterday she decided to have the  
shoe and its mate repaired, so she sent  
her daughter to a cobbler shop with  
the footgear.

Then, several hours later, she re-  
membered the diamonds. She went to  
the shoe hospital, but its proprietor,  
Angelo Camarato, denied having seen  
any jewelry. All he got, he said, was  
a pair of old shoes.

Though Camarato vehemently pro-  
tested his innocence, the patrolman  
was obliged to arrest him on a grand  
larceny charge.

## RUSSIANS ARE HELD IN CHECK

Teutons Bring Offensive  
Along Whole 250-mile  
Line

## LAUNCHING ATTACKS.

Positions in Carpathians North of  
Capul Recaptured by Austro-Ger-  
mans.

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—Russian  
troops have defeated four Turkish  
divisions (80,000 men) in a great bat-  
tle near the village of Racht, near  
Mosul, capturing two entire Turkish  
regiments, it was officially an-  
nounced. Much cannon and other  
booty was taken.

London, Aug. 24.—Everywhere on  
the 250-mile battle line from the Pri-  
pet marshes down to the Carpathi-  
ans the general offensive launched  
by the Russians under General Brus-  
iloff in the first days of June has  
been brought to a standstill.

At some points, particularly in Vol-  
hynia, northeast of Kovel, on the Se-  
reth, east of Lemberg, and in the Car-  
pathians, the Austro-German armies  
have launched successful counter-at-  
tacks during the last 48 hours, regain-  
ing some lost ground.

Petrograd claimed no new gains in  
its official statements. The Russians  
still continue to launch furious on-  
slaughts against the Teuton lines, but  
"terrible losses" to the attackers, ac-  
cording to Berlin and Vienna, are the  
only result. The Russian War Office  
admits that the Muscovites are meet-  
ing firm resistance at the vital points  
assailed.

Berlin reports the recapture by  
the Austro-German forces in the Car-  
pathians of positions north of Capul,  
recently taken by the Russians. The  
Austro-Hungarian War Office asserts  
that the Russians suffered particu-  
larly heavy losses in vain attacks  
northeast of Kovel.

In the fighting in Eastern Galicia  
between August 14 and 17 the Rus-  
sians according to the estimate of the  
Koelnische Zeitung's correspondent at  
the eastern front, lost 5,000 in killed  
alone, while the German casualties to-  
talled only 80. The correspondent pre-  
dicts the exhaustion of the Russian  
armies if the present "waste of mun-  
itions," added to the "very heavy  
losses," continue. Petrograd announ-  
ces the repulse of German attacks  
south of Brody, in the Sereth Valley.

## STRUCK BY A TRAIN

P. H. O'Bannon Victim of Serious  
Accident at Culpeper  
Yesterday.

P. H. O'Bannon, whose home is at  
Sperryville, but who has recently re-  
presented the Bryant Fertilizer Com-  
pany of Alexandria at Culpeper, was  
struck by a train at the latter place  
yesterday and seriously injured. He  
was rushed to a hospital in Charlot-  
tesville, where he is in a critical con-  
dition, although the surgeons who are  
attending him say he may recover.  
It was at first reported that both of  
Mr. O'Bannon's legs had been crush-  
ed. This, however, was erroneous, but  
his hip is seriously injured.

Mr. O'Bannon is an uncle of H.  
O'Bannon Cooper, a resident of Alex-  
andria for some time, and who is  
now soliciting agent of the Southern  
Railway with his office in Washington.  
The injured man has a number of  
friends and acquaintances in this  
city, all of whom will regret to learn  
of his misfortune.

Willie Ligon, the seven-year-old  
son of Professor E. S. Ligon, of the  
Blackstone Military Academy, was  
shot accidentally by his younger  
brother, Elvin S., six years old, yes-

## FISH DAY TOMORROW

Blue fish, sea bass, perch, salt water  
croakers, salt water taylor, trout  
and select soft crabs. Large claims  
15c doz. Sanitary Fish Market, No.  
2, City Market. Phone 735. Open till  
5 p. m.

## BULGARS HOLD A NEW LINE

Intrenching at Positions Re-  
cently Seized in  
Valley

## BERLIN CLAIMS GAIN

Roumania Said to Be Still Undecid-  
ed Whether to Enter the War or  
Not—Russia Active.

London, Aug. 24.—The Bulgarian  
troops which advanced in Northeast-  
ern Greece recently, seizing positions  
in the valley of the Struma river, are  
entrenching on this line. No heavy  
fighting is under way on the Macedo-  
nian front at present, so far as is in-  
dicated by the official statement con-  
cerning this theatre of war.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Further progress  
for the troops of the Central Pow-  
ers in driving back Entente forces  
near the Western end of the fighting  
line in Macedonia is announced by the  
War Office, as is also the repulse of  
Serbian attempts to advance in the  
vicinity of Moglena.

Roumania has not decided whether  
she will enter the war, in the opinion  
of a person characterized as "a dis-  
tinguished diplomat, who is especially  
conversant with Roumanian affairs".  
On being asked as to the present sit-  
uation, he said:

"Roumania's attitude is due to her  
geographical situation. The country is  
virtually surrounded by belliger-  
ents. Roumanian statesmen, therefore,  
are guided by the desire to spare  
their country the injury, which would  
be unavoidable if it were to become  
a theatre of war.

"Since the beginning of the present  
conflagration the Entente powers,  
particularly Russia, have been ex-  
tremely active in Roumania, using  
agents and spies of all description.  
The Entente uses money lavishly to  
bribe politicians and influence the  
press.

"This agitation reached its height  
at the beginning of the last Russian  
offensive. At the same time the En-  
tente announced that an offensive  
campaign would be inaugurated on  
the Macedonian front, a move purely  
for political purposes. Now the sud-  
den and successful Bulgarian advance  
has brought a quick change in the sit-  
uation, and the Russian offensive also  
apparently is slackening.

"At present Roumania is still unde-  
cided. She probably will not give up  
her avowed policy of neutrality, which  
up to the present time has given her  
an enormous gain in power, unless  
she believes that the really decisive  
turn in the war has been reached.  
Meanwhile trade relations between  
Roumania and the Central Powers  
continue to be normal and active.

"Roumania has been a sphinx and  
is still shrouded in a mysterious veil  
behind which political passion and  
agitation not only of the Roumanians,  
but of the Entente agents reach their  
highest pitch."

The new Bulgarian intrenched line  
roughly parallels the Struma. Ap-  
parently the Bulgarians have sent  
forces of considerable size to occupy  
this natural defensive line against at-  
tempts of the Allies to invade their  
territory from Greece or to flank the  
old battle line by a thrust northeast  
from Saloniki.

## SUIT INSTITUTED.

Executors of J. E. Dusenbury's Es-  
tate Want \$15,000 Damages.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The ex-  
ecutors of John E. Dusenbury's estate  
today filed in the Federal Court notice  
of a suit for the recover of \$15,000  
damages from Harley P. Wilson, of  
Alexandria, alleging Dusenbury pur-  
chased fifteen bonds of the North  
Platte Valley Irrigation Company,  
Wyoming, New York, from Wilson  
prior to 1913, paying \$15,000 cash,  
but claim Wilson refused to deliver  
the bonds.

## Funeral Notice.

The funeral of George Duty will  
take place tomorrow afternoon at 4  
o'clock, from the house 1118 Prince  
street.

## TALKS WITH ADVERTISERS

"I wonder if I can sell my auto through a want ad," remarked  
a gentleman a few days ago in conversation with a friend.

All we can tell him is that Gazette want ads. have sold things  
as large as a house and lot, and if his auto isn't any bigger we are  
willing to undertake the sale.

There is no reason why purchasers for second-hand automo-  
biles can not be found through want ads. in a live newspaper, and  
The Gazette is not a dead one. Remember that.

One insertion (not over 25 words) 25 cents; two insertions 40  
cents; three insertions 50 cents; six times \$1.00.